

## House Resolution 1457

By: Representatives Randall of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Heard of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 9, 1914, at Howard  
3 University in Washington, D.C., by three young, African American men, A. Langston  
4 Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown; and

5 WHEREAS, their intention was to establish a fraternity that exemplified the ideals of  
6 brotherhood, scholarship, and service and one that viewed itself as a part of the community;  
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8 WHEREAS, the founders of Phi Beta Sigma wanted members of their fraternity to be judged  
9 on their own merits rather than family background or affluence and where members would  
10 exist as part of a greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the "inclusive we" rather  
11 than the "exclusive we"; and

12 WHEREAS, from its inception, the fraternity has served as a mechanism for delivering  
13 services to the community, an attitude reflected in the fraternity's motto, "Culture For Service  
14 and Service For Humanity"; and

15 WHEREAS, for the last 96 years, Phi Beta Sigma has stood at the forefront of change and  
16 service establishing the Phi Sigma Beta Educational Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Housing  
17 Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union, and the Phi Beta Sigma Charitable  
18 Outreach Foundation; and

19 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma continues a rich tradition of service and fellowship and the  
20 outstanding accomplishments of this fine organization are worthy of recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for their  
23 service to the community and the country.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,  
26 Inc.